

HIGH SCHOOL BAND SYLLABUS

➤ Director's Expectations of Students

Band should be a fun, rewarding activity. However, students must realize that the more time everyone puts into rehearsing, the more successful the group will be. Music IS an academic subject and should always be treated as such.

- All Band students are required to be at EVERY performance. **This includes pep band performances!!! Students are expected to remain at an event until the completion of that event.**
- All Dell Rapids Band students will put forth the best possible effort EVERY time they pick up an instrument! To be the best, you must strive to be the best!
- **All Band students are expected to practice the parts they can not play!!!**

➤ Grading

- **Performances will constitute sixty percent (60%) of every student's grade for the semester.**
- **Daily Participation is twenty percent (20%) of the student's semester grade.** BAND IS A GROUP ACTIVITY, AND THE GROUP CAN ONLY SUCCEED IF YOU PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN THE GROUP!
- **Playing, Written, or Demonstration Exams will be given regularly on certain assignments or pieces of music and will constitute twenty percent (20%) of the student's semester grade.**

Any time a student misses a rehearsal, part of a rehearsal, or performance, the instructor will require a note from the student's parents. **DO NOT ASSUME THAT BECAUSE YOU TOLD THE INSTRUCTOR THAT YOU WOULD BE MISSING/TARDY THAT YOUR MISSED TIME IS EXCUSED.** No absence or tardy will be "excused" unless the instructor receives a written note from a parent or guardian.

All band students should have their own instrument, music, and supplies for each class period, including a pencil. All percussion students are expected to have the appropriate sticks, mallets, beaters, etc. at each rehearsal. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in a loss of your daily participation points.

➤ Classroom Expectations– failure to follow these rules will result in a 15 minute detention for each infraction or violation of this policy.

- When instruction is being given to ANYONE in the band, you are expected to remain attentive as the instructions may affect your parts as well. **NO TALKING WHEN INSTRUCTION IS BEING GIVEN!**
- Students are expected to place their instruments, equipment, and music in the designated areas after each class or performance. All students are required to have a name tag on his or her instrument or stick bag. **LOCKERS SHOULD REMAIN LOCKED WHEN AN INSTRUMENT IS NOT IN USE!!!** Students will receive a 15 minute detention if his/her instrument or materials are not put away after each class period.
- Tardiness – Students will receive a warning for the first class tardy. Every tardy after the first will result in a detention. You have more than enough time to eat and use the bathroom **BEFORE 12:11 PM.** Please make sure you take care of any personal needs before the bell rings.
- **NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED IN THE BAND ROOM!** You may bring a bottle of water to class if you require something to drink.